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SUBJECT: LOS CONFERENCE- WEEKLY SUMMARY, AUGUST 9-15.

1. SUMMARY: WEEK WAS CHARACTERIZED BY HARD WORK, PARTICULARLY BY GROUP OF 77 IN COMMITTEES I AND III, AS POSITIONS ARE BEING REFINED AND RATIONALIZED. WHILE IT IS RECOGNIZED A TREATY CANNOT BE COMPLETED HERE, THE LAYING OF FOUNDATIONS FOR PRECISE RESOLUTION OF ISSUES IS PRECEEDING ON ALL FRONTS, IN A GENERALLY PROFESSIONAL ATMOSPHERE. MOST MEETINGS ARE INFORMAL AND GENERALLY DEVOID OF ABSTRACT IDEOLOGICAL ARGUMENTS. WHILE THE ABSENCE OF TANGIBLE TOKENS OF AGREEMENT CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SOBER ATMOSPHERE, SOME BELIEVE THAT THE NEGOTIATION HAS QTE BOTTOMED OUT ENDQTE. FOR PERHAPS THE LAST TIME, THAT ALL RELEVANT POSITIONS HAVE BEEN

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STAKED OUT, AND THAT A PACKAGE CAN NOW BEGIN TO BE PUT

TOGETHER. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMITTEE I (DEEP SEABEDS): CI HELD FEW MEETINGS THIS WEEK AS THE GROUP OF 77 HELD CONTINUOUS SESSIONS IN COURSE OF PREPARATING DRAFT TREATY ARTICLES ON BASIC CONDITIONS OF EXPLOITATION. 77 MOVE TO PREPARE TEXT WAS DIRECT RESPONSE TO VERY FIRM STATEMENTS BY U.S. AND DELS FROM OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ON ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF INCLUDING IN CONVENTION BASIC CONDITIONS OF EXPLOITATION. GROUP OF 77 TEXT, WHICH WAS INTRODUCED AUGUST 15, REPRESENTS ATTEMPT IN ESSENCE TO DESCRIBE IN GREATER DETAIL HOW THEIR

PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE 9, QTE WHO MAY EXPLOIT AREA, ENDQTE

WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. IN VIRTUALLY EVERY RESPECT PROPOSAL GIVES DISCRETION TO AUTHORITY TO DECIDE FULL RANGE OF RESOURCES MANAGEMENT POLICIES. EIGHT MEMBERS OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (IRELAND DID NOT CO-SPONSOR) INTRODUCED DETAILED DRAFT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS TO INFORMAL COMMITTEE AUGUST 16. DRAFT IS QUITE SIMILAR TO U.S. PAPER WITH EXCEPTION THAT IT PROPOSES QUOTA FOR NUMBER OF MINING BLOCKS AVAILABLE TO ANY SINGLE ENTITY. (360,00 SQUARE KILOMETERS/ENTITY) AND PROVIDES FOR PUBLICATIONS OF APPLICATIONS FOR ONE MONTH AND RESOLUTION OF COMPETING CLAIMS BY AUTHORITY ON BASIS OF OBJECTIVE CRITERIA. COMMITTEE HAS NOT YET DECIDED HOW IT WILL PROCEED DURING REMAINDER OF SESSION.

3. COMMITTEE II: UNDER FIRM LEADERSHIP, COMMITTEE II VIRTUALLY COMPLETED QTE FIRST READING ENDQTE OF MAIN TRENDS PAPERS PREPARED BY CHAIRMAN AGUILAR, AND IS PROCEEDING TO QTE SECOND READING ENDQTE OF SOME. EFFECT IS THAT PROLIFERATION OF FORMAL PROPOSALS HAS BEEN RATIONALIZED INTO QTE MAIN TRENDS ENDQTE PAPERS FOLLOWING LIST OF SUBJECTS AND ISSUES, AND PERMITTING CLEAR FOCUS ON AGREEMENTS AND DISAGREEMENTS ON EACH ISSUE. CLEAR EXAMPLE WAS HEAVY RESISTANCE FROM ALL QUARTERS TO PHILIPPINE IDEA OF HISTORIC TERRITORIAL WATERS (BEYOND FIXED UNIVERSAL MAXIMUM LIMIT) WHICH MANY COUNTRIES REGARD AS UNFAIR. US SPOKE BRIEFLY TO FORMALLY INTRODUCE ITS ARTICLES ON ECONOMIC ZONE AND CONTINENTAL SHELF. AS EXAMPLE OF INCREASED ATTENTION BEING DEVOTED TO PRECISE UNCLASSIFIED

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ISSUES, FOLLOWING TEXT INTRODUCED AUGUST 16 FOR INCLUSION IN CHAPTER ON HIGH SEAS BY DELEGATIONS OF ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, CHILE, MEXICO, NEW ZEALAND, AND UNITED STATES. QTE THE RIGHT OF HOT PURSUIT SHALL APPLY, MUTATIS MUTANDIS, TO VIOLATIONS IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE OR ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, INCLUDING SAFETY ZONES AROUND CONTINENTAL SHELF INSTALLATIONS, OF THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE COASTAL STATE APPLICABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CONVENTION TO

THE ECONOMIC ZONE OR THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, INCLUDING SUCH SAFETY ZONES. ENDQTE. DEBATE ON HIGH SEAS NEXT WEEK IS LIKELY TO FOCUS ON CRITICAL ISSUE OF WHETHER ECONOMIC ZONE IS HIGH SEAS. FUNDAMENTAL US POSITION THAT FREEDOMS RECOGNIZED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW ARE PRESERVED IN ECONOMIC ZONE, AS MODIFIED BY CONVENTION (E.G. NO FREEDOM OF FISHING IN ECONOMIC ZONE), IS BEING STRESSED.

4. COMMITTEE III:

A. POLLUTION. SMALL NEGOTIATING-DRAFTING GROUP OF COMMITTEE III DEVOTED SEVERAL SESSIONS TO COMPLETING WORK ON PARTICULAR OBLIGATIONS, GLOBAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

B. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. ONLY ONE MEETING WAS HELD OF THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP AS A RESULT OF GROUP OF 77 REQUEST TO USE TIME ALLOTTED FOR SCIENCE TO DEVELOP GROUP OF 77 POSITIONS ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. CHAIRMAN METTERNICH CONDUCTED INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, STATUS OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, AND RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY. WORKING GROUP DECIDED TO POSTPONE UNTIL NEXT YEAR DISCUSSION OF SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL TREATIES. INFORMALLY, FOUR TRENDS UNDER CONSENT, PARTICIPATION AND OBLIGATIONS OF COASTAL STATES CONTINUE TO BE DEVELOPED. THOSE TRENDS WILL BE INCLUDED IN A REPORT BY METTERNICH TO CHAIRMAN YANKOV OF THE 3RD COMMITTEE.
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